



## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation.

**ACTION:** Announcement of a Committee Meeting

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to announce the upcoming meeting of the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA). Parts of this meeting will be open to the public, and the public is invited to attend those portions.

**MEETING DATE AND PLACE:** The meeting will be held on October 28, 29, and 30, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 5:00 p.m., at the U.S. Department of Education, Eighth Floor Conference Center, Office of Postsecondary Education, 1990 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006. The Committee will meet in Executive Session on October 30, 2015. The entire October 30<sup>th</sup> session

will be devoted to training sessions for the Committee; and, therefore, is closed to the public.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**Statutory Authority and Function:** The NCFMEA was established by the Secretary of Education under §102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. The NCFMEA's responsibilities are to:

- Evaluate the standards of accreditation applied to foreign medical schools and,
- Determine the comparability of those standards to standards for accreditation applied to United States medical schools.

A determination of comparability of accreditation standards by the NCFMEA is an eligibility requirement for foreign medical schools to participate in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Student Loan Program, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1087a et seq.

**MEETING AGENDA:** The NCFMEA will review the standards of accreditation applied to medical schools to determine whether those standards are comparable to the standards of accreditation

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applied to medical schools in the United States. The NCFMEA will also review previously requested reports from accrediting entities that accredit medical schools. Discussion of the standards of accreditation will be held in sessions open to the public. Discussions resulting in specific determinations of comparability are closed to the public until proper notification of the NCFMEA's decision is provided to the medical school by the Department.

The countries which are scheduled to be discussed are Antigua and Barbuda, Canada, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Dominican Republic, and Hungary. The meeting agenda, as well as the staff analyses pertaining to the meeting, will be posted on the Department of Education's web site prior to the meeting at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/ncfmea.html>.

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS:** The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an

alternate format), notify the contact person listed in this notice by September 28, 2015, although we will attempt to meet a request received after that date.

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**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY:** The Secretary of Education has delegated authority to Jamienne S. Studley, Deputy Under Secretary, to perform the functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

**AUTHORITY:** §102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

Jamienne S. Studley,  
Deputy Under Secretary.

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